

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

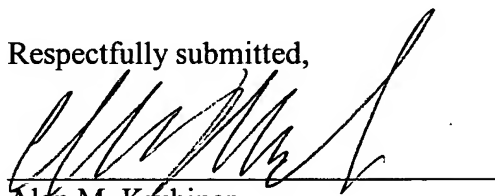
Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant submits herewith a clean version of the Abstract on a separate sheet, starting on page eight of this response.

*Conclusion*

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 543-5021.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan M. Krubiner', is written over a horizontal line.

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